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Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council

September 15, 1999

Third Meeting of the 1999-2000 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Chuck Gipp, Chairperson

Senator John Jensen, Vice Chairperson

Senator Nancy Boettger

Senator Tom Flynn

Representative Pam Jochum

Representative David Millage

Representative Pat Murphy

MEETING IN BRIEF

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1. **Procedural Business.**
 2. **Iowa Hall of Pride Presentation.**
 3. **Update on New Historical Building/Wallace Building Parking Ramp.**
 4. **Department of Public Safety Facility Update.**
 5. **Written Materials Provided for the Meeting.**
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1. **Procedural Business.**

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes. Chairperson Gipp called the Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council to order at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 1999, in the Supreme Court Chamber of the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa. The Committee approved the minutes from the last two meetings on June 30, 1999, and August 3, 1999.



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Chairperson Gipp briefly discussed the need for a regular process for determining how Capitol space reserved for the General Assembly is allocated among the various divisions and agencies of the legislative branch.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

2. Iowa Hall of Pride Presentation.

Jack Lashier from the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) presented information regarding plans for the Iowa Hall of Pride on the Capitol Complex. Mr. Lashier stated that the project will cost an estimated \$13 million, approximately \$5 million of which has been raised by IHSAA and \$1.5 million of which has been appropriated by the General Assembly.

The current planned location of the building is at the southeast corner of the Grand Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue intersection, across from the new Historical Building. Mr. Lashier explained that this location on the Capitol Complex is preferred because it provides good visitor access from the new Historical Building and the future state-owned parking ramp, it would contribute to development of the proposed Gateway East Project by beautifying the approach to the Capitol and bringing downtown Des Moines closer to the Capitol area, and it would not require the purchase of additional land. Mr. Lashier commented that when IHSAA first approached the Capitol Planning Commission, the Commission expressed interest in having the Hall of Pride on the Capitol Complex.

Vice Chairperson Jensen made a motion, which Representative Murphy seconded, that the Committee approve the proposed siting of the Hall of Pride on the Capitol Complex. Representatives Jochum and Millage expressed their disapproval of such a siting and encouraged IHSAA to more seriously examine other locations for the building. Vice Chairperson Jensen withdrew his motion.

3. Update on New Historical Building/Wallace Building Parking Ramp.

Tom Johnson, Department of General Services, provided an update of progress on the parking structure to be built on the northwest corner of the Grand Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue intersection. Mr. Johnson explained that the first Request for Proposals (RFP) for design services was withdrawn, changes to the criteria were made, and the RFP was reissued. The original construction schedule of completion of the structure by October 31, 2001, is maintained.

The parking structure will hold approximately 900 cars and will replace parking lots 7 and 8, with a gain of about 270 spots overall. The total cost of the structure will be approximately \$16.44 million, with \$9.32 million already appropriated. The cost per parking space will be approximately \$18,000, which is essentially the same as costs for private sector parking ramp spaces.

Mr. Johnson commented that the feasibility of charging for parking in the new structure will be a policy decision to be made at a later date. He suggested that parking charges could go toward annual maintenance and operating costs of the structure, which will total approximately \$650 per parking space per year, depending on the construction materials



used. Users of the parking structure will include visitors to the new Historical Building and employees at the Historical Building, Wallace Building, the Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman's Office, and other state offices in the area.

4. Department of Public Safety Facility Update.

Betsy Dittmore, Legislative Liaison, Department of Public Safety (DPS), updated the Committee on the need for a new DPS/medical examiner facility. Ms. Dittmore explained that although DPS is currently housed primarily in the Wallace Building, there are many problems with the current space. Many DPS offices are located outside the Wallace Building in leased space costing approximately \$145,000 per year; the Crime Laboratory has inadequate space for staff, new technology, increased demands for analysis, storage, and evidence delivery and handling; management is decentralized; public access and visitation is confusing; and space in the Wallace Building is inadequate to meet the needs of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and Department of Natural Resources. Chairperson Gipp thanked Ms. Dittmore for the presentation.

5. Written Materials Provided for the Meeting.

The following materials were distributed at the meeting and are on file with the Legislative Service Bureau:

- a. "Space Analysis and Preliminary Master Plan, Presentation Summary," submitted by Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunk architecture firm in regard to its presentation at the August 3, 1999, meeting of the Capital Projects Committee.
- b. "Iowa Hall of Pride Site Evaluation and Selection Report", submitted by Brooks Borg Skiles architecture engineering firm.
- c. Update on the proposed parking structure on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and East Grand Avenue, submitted by the Department of General Services.
- d. "Iowa Department of Public Safety Facility Project, Feasibility Study Appropriated in HF 772/FY 2000, " submitted by the Department of Public Safety.

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